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UTILITY PATENT  
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## Box PATENT APPLICATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed for filing is the utility patent application of John Hulls and Rory R. Davis for  
**FORCE-RESISTING DEVICES AND METHODS FOR STRUCTURES**.

- ☐ Applicant(s) hereby request(s) that the above-captioned application **NOT BE PUBLISHED** under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.211. The undersigned hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.
- ☒ Applicant(s) suggest(s) Figure 11 for inclusion on the front page of the patent application publication and patent.

Also enclosed are:

- ☒ 12 sheet(s) of ☐ formal ☒ informal drawing(s);
- ☐ a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and/or 365 is ☐ hereby made to    filed in    on   ;
- ☐ in the declaration;
- ☐ a certified copy of the priority document;
- ☐ a General Authorization for Petitions for Extensions of Time and Payment of Fees;
- ☐ an Assignment document;
- ☐ an Information Disclosure Statement;
- ☐ a patent application data sheet; and
- ☐ Other:
- ☒ An ☐ executed ☒ unexecuted declaration of the inventor(s)  
☒ also is enclosed ☐ will follow.
- ☒ Small entity status is hereby claimed.
- ☐ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:  
—This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and/or 365 to     
filed in    on   ; the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by  
reference.—
- ☐ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:



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--This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 to U.S. Provisional Application No. \_ entitled \_ and filed on \_, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference.--

[ ] Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

--This application is a continuation of International Application No. \_ filed on \_, which International Application [ ] was [ ] was not published by the International Bureau in English on \_--.

[X] The filing fee has been calculated as follows [ ] and in accordance with the enclosed preliminary amendment:

| C L A I M S   |                  |            |                 |                   |                   |
|---|------------------|------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|   | NO. OF<br>CLAIMS |            | EXTRA<br>CLAIMS | RATE              | FEE               |
| Basic Application Fee   |                  |            |                 |                   | \$740.00<br>(101) |
| Total Claims  | 21               | MINUS 20 = | 1               | × \$18.00 (103) = | 18.00             |
| Independent Claims  | 6                | MINUS 3 =  | 3               | × \$84.00 (102) = | 252.00            |
| If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$280.00 (104)                |                  |            |                 |                   |                   |
| Total Application Fee   |                  |            |                 |                   | 1010.00           |
| If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Application Fee      |                  |            |                 |                   | 505.00            |
| Add Assignment Recording Fee \$40.00 (581) if Assignment document is enclosed |                  |            |                 |                   |                   |
| TOTAL APPLICATION FEE DUE   |                  |            |                 |                   | 505.00            |

[X] This application is being filed without a filing fee. Issuance of a Notice to File Missing Parts of Application is respectfully requested.

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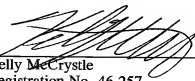
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